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USUN PASS AMBASSADOR STEVENSON

1. DEPT. APPRECIATES EMBASSY BRIEFING AMBASSADOR KNOKE ON
OUTLINES OF ARCHIPELAGO-STRaits NEGOTIATION.

2. BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF NEGOTIATIONS AND COMPOSITION
OF EVENSEN GROUP, DEPT CONSIDERS IT POTENTIALLY SERIOUSLY
HARMFUL TO NEGOTIATION TO RAISE ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE IN THE
EVENSEN GROUP. ALTHOUGH WE MAY WISH TO RAISE THE
ARCHIPELAGO ISSUES IN THE GROUP OF 17 AFTER NEGOTIATIONS
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WITH INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND THE BAHAMAS HAVE PRO-

RESSED FURTHER, IT IS PREMATURE TO DO SO AT THIS TIME.

3. BONN. ACTION REQUESTED. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY TO AMBASSADOR KNOKE THAT ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES AND BAHAMAS ARE IN SENSITIVE STAGE AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS BE HELD FOR PRIVATE INFORMATION OF FRG ONLY. WE CONSIDER IT PREMATURE TO RAISE ARCHIPELAGO ISSUE IN ANY NEGOTIATING OR COORDINATING GROUP AND THAT TO DO SO AT THIS TIME, EVEN IN GROUP OF 17, COULD HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON NEGOTIATIONS

WHICH ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR MUTUAL STRAITS POSITION. MOREOVER, COMPOSITION OF EVENSEN GROUP MAKES IT PARTICULARLY BAD FORUM FOR CONSIDERATION OF ARCHIPELAGO OR STRAITS ISSUES. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INDICATE THAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FRG WITH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON ARCHIPELAGO TALKS AND TO FURTHER COORDINATE POSITIONS, BERNARD H. OXMAN (REF STATE 6023) WILL BRIEF FRG OFFICIALS ON DEVELOPMENTS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS DURING HIS VISIT TO BONN FEB 3. MOORE IS ALSO BRIEFING DR. CORNEL METTERNICK OF FRG MISSION TO UN IN NEW YORK.

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